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Quick Facts

- Graduate School Dean Jack DeRochi sought 16 alumni and community members who could provide leadership in community relations, professional advocacy and resource development
- During the on-campus meeting, members heard two graduate program presentations and met with President Jayne Marie (Jamie) Comstock and the university's academic leadership.



Jack DeRochi

ROCK HILL, S.C. – The **Winthrop Graduate School Advisory Board** met for its inaugural meeting on Sept. 5 to lend expertise to one of the university's fastest growing programs.

Graduate School Dean Jack DeRochi sought 16 alumni and community members who could provide leadership in **community relations, professional advocacy and resource development**.

"We are very excited about the new Graduate School Advisory Board, and so thankful that these individuals have volunteered their time and service to Winthrop in this capacity," DeRochi said. "Partnering with this group of highly-engaged community leaders will enable Winthrop to provide innovative graduate programs and resources that serve both our students and our community."

During the on-campus meeting, members heard two graduate program presentations and met with President Jayne Marie (Jamie) Comstock and the university's academic leadership.

Comstock has said that over the past decade, enrollment in master's degree programs has declined an average of about 16 percent across South Carolina's comprehensive universities. But, at Winthrop, graduate student enrollment in master's programs has **increased by 12.4 percent**.

The chair for the group is **Margaret Wicklund**, a 1987 M.B.A. graduate who works at Snyder's-Lance.

Other Advisory Board members are: **Stacey Clark '12, Dick Davis '10, Elaine Whitton Davis '73, Susan DeVenny, Larry Durham '80, '87, Sylvia Echols '73, Shirley Fishburne '72, '73, Debra Heintz '99, Ben Johnson '78, Jim Johnston, Wanda Manning '06, '07, Dick McCoy '04, Lynn Moody, Kimberly Odom '00, '02, and Roger Sarow.**

Members will serve staggered 1-, 2- or 3-year terms.

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